



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5525

House of Representatives, March 25, 2002

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. EBERLE of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL DRUG USE BY PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of
2 Mental Retardation shall establish a pilot program to enable any
3 guardian of a person with mental retardation to approve experimental
4 drug use for such person if (1) the prescribed experimental drug will
5 specifically benefit such person's condition, and (2) the Department of
6 Mental Retardation, or a committee of the department, has approved
7 the use of such experimental drug for such condition. The
8 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of
9 the general statutes, to implement and administer the pilot program
10 established under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	October 1, 2002
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PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - None	Department of Mental Retardation	None	None	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

As a result of the bill the Department of Mental Retardation may incur a workload increase in order to establish a pilot program allowing guardians to approve experimental drug use for individuals with mental retardation under certain conditions and adopting regulations. Any increase in the administrative workload of the department can be handled within existing resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL DRUG USE BY PERSONS
WITH MENTAL RETARDATION*****SUMMARY:**

This bill directs the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) commissioner to establish a pilot program allowing a guardian of a person with mental retardation to approve experimental drug use for that individual under certain conditions. The prescribed experimental drug must specifically benefit the person's condition and DMR, or a department committee, must approve the use of the drug for that particular condition. The bill authorizes DMR to adopt regulations to operate this pilot program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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